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La Savoie Arrives With Thrilling Story of Storm at Sea

MER ROUGE EX-MAYOR HELD TEN DAYS FOR EXTRADITION IN KLAN DOUBLE MURDER

Habeas Writ Hearing Post-
poned for Day by
Agreement.

TO FIGHT HIS RETURN.
Dr. McKoin Admits Killing
Another Physician in
"Self-Defense."

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—In an effort to obtain bail before commencing his fight against extradition, Dr. R. M. McKoin, former Mayor of Mer Rouge, La., who was arrested here yesterday at the request of Gov. Parker of Louisiana, obtained a writ of habeas corpus today in the City Court. Gov. Parker accused Dr. McKoin of murder.

The writ was made returnable immediately, but upon request of Dr. McKoin's counsel, former United States District Attorney Robert R. Carman, the hearing was postponed until tomorrow and Dr. McKoin was taken back to his cell.

A short time before, in Central Police Court, Dr. McKoin's case was adjourned by Justice Standish until Jan. 8 at the request of the defense attorneys working on the case. This was to permit time for the preparation and forwarding of the necessary documents from Louisiana. Gov. Parker had telegraphed the Police Department asking for ten days' delay, adding that requisition papers would be forwarded.

The one-day adjournment of the habeas corpus hearing was taken after a conference between Chief Judge Garter, Attorney Carman and Dr. Hugh H. Young, head of the "Brud" Clinic at Johns Hopkins Hospital, with whom Dr. McKoin had been associated since last October. Dr. Young had come for the City House with an offer to produce bail for the former Mayor of Mer Rouge.

He asked for an immediate hearing on the habeas corpus proceedings, saying that one of his patients was lying upon the operating table at the hospital and was in a precarious condition. Immediate operation was necessary, he said. In these circumstances it was decided to defer the hearing for a day.

No difficulty was anticipated by Dr. McKoin's friends in obtaining bail. Dr. Young today received a telegram from the Central Savings and Trust Company of Mer Rouge, offering to furnish bail in any amount required to obtain Dr. McKoin's release from jail.

Capt. Burns, head of the local Detective Bureau told Mr. Carman that so far as the Baltimore authorities knew, Dr. McKoin was not under indictment in his home town.

Former United States District Attorney Robert R. Carman, who is counsel for Dr. McKoin, said that he would fight any effort at extradition. He declared that he believed that there was no prima facie charge of murder against the former Mayor and he expressed the belief that the Louisiana officials called for his arrest here because they wanted him more as a witness, or for the purpose

HEARD SHIP'S S.O.S BUT SAVOIE'S AID BLOCKED BY STORM

French Liner Itself Almost in
Continuous Peril on
Trip Across.

While making three knots an hour in the worst storm he ever has encountered in his thirty-two years at sea, Captain Henri Savoie of the French liner La Savoie, which arrived today, reported that on Tuesday last he was unable to answer a call for help. It came from the Tudor Star which was four hundred miles away. She reported that she was rudely tossed and at the mercy of the storm. "I was unable to do anything for her," said the captain. "I could not have reached her at the rate I was making in a week. We got the message in one of the intervals that the wireless was in operation. Three times our signals went down and it took a whole day to get them up. The waves ran ninety feet high and the wind registered from 100 to 120 miles an hour."

From Havre to the Grand Banks no passenger went on deck and for two days not even the first cabin passengers, forty-three in number, were allowed out of their staterooms. In the dining saloon the baby grand piano was torn loose from its fastenings, its legs broken and it went careening about the place smashing things in its path, much as the cannon in Victor Hugo's "Toilers of the Sea" must have acted when loose in the storm.

When the sun came out and the sea quieted somewhat the passengers got together and as a result, to-morrow on the La Savoie a loving cup will be presented to the Captain by the passengers who are convinced the Skipper and the Amalgam saved their lives. Capt. Savoie said "No" to the plan of presentation when he heard about it and suggested that it belonged to the harbor of the wireless who risked their lives hours at a stretch to repair the aerial.

La Savoie left Havre on Dec. 10

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HARDING IN TANGLE OVER ALLIES' DEBTS; FINDS HANDS TIED

Act of Congress Places Him
in Worst Dilemma He
Has Faced.

CURBS HIS POWERS.
Makes Legislative Branch Ne-
gotiator of Treaty Instead
of Executive.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (Copyright).—Great Britain's delegation, which has just sailed for the United States to negotiate an agreement whereby the rate of interest and the annual payments on the war debt shall be definitely fixed for a period of years, will bring to a climax a half dozen vital questions which have been hanging fire for several months.

Representative Mondell, Republican leader, who talked with President Harding at length to-day on the question of an economic conference, disclosed after leaving the White House some of the difficulties which stand in the way of negotiation with the Allied governments.

"The very people," he said, "who recently were limiting the powers of the debt commission are now loud in their clamor for an economic conference."

In other words, the administration finds its hands tied by the act of Congress, which not only fixed an interest rate, but also fixed the time for the Allies to pay at once, but fixed the time for the Allies to pay at once, but fixed the time for the Allies to pay at once.

The dilemma is one of the most

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ARRESTS REVEAL CROOKS HIRED TO BURN LAUNDRIES

Blaze That Killed 11 in Har-
lem Linked in Feud Between
Rival Concerns.

TWO HELD FOR 'ARSON.
Taken When District Attor-
ney Gets Startling Story of
Fires and Thefts.

The arraignment in Harlem Police Court today on charges of arson and violation of the Sullivan law of Frank Marchese, twenty-four years old, No. 2127 Third Avenue, and Louis Wallinger, thirty-nine years old, an ex-convict now under bail and awaiting trial on a charge of burglary, disclosed that the District Attorney's office, Fire Marshal Brophy and a squad of police detectives have been investigating for several weeks a series of suspected incendiary fires in laundries throughout Manhattan, the Bronx and in Westchester County.

Among the fires under investigation is that of Nov. 8 last, when a blaze which is believed to have started in a laundry on the ground floor destroyed the tenement at No. 134 East 119th Street with a loss of eleven lives.

Marchese and Wallinger have been identified by several persons whose laundries have been set on fire or burglarized. Assistant District Attorney Murphy said at noon that several members of a gang of combined fire-bugs and burglars have turned State's evidence and furnished the information upon which Marchese and Wallinger were arrested.

Mr. Murphy, Marshal Brophy and Capt. Stapleton of the Safe and Lock Squad were at work all night at Police Headquarters.

The questioned eight men and one woman. At 5 o'clock this morning Detectives Braunsworth and Hayden were sent to No. 2127 Third Avenue with instructions to arrest Marchese, who lived there, and Wallinger, who had been lodging with him.

When the detectives reached the address neither Marchese nor Wallinger was in. The two men arrived about 6 o'clock and were allowed to enter and go to bed. Then the detectives broke in and arrested them. Two loaded revolvers were found in the bedroom.

The detectives found also some income tax receipts made out to the New System Laundry, No. 21 Hawthorne Avenue, Yonkers. Mr. Murphy called up the laundry and one of the owners, E. Ripper, informed him that the place was entered last night about \$5,000 worth of laundry belonging to patrons was ruined, the safe was blown and robbed, machinery was damaged and account books were destroyed. The other partner's name is Oppenheimer.

"They are evidently trying to put us out of business," said Ripper. "About a week ago a man drove a lighted bottle of gasoline into one of our wagons. We caught his arrest. We will have to make good for the laundry that was ruined last night."

Since early last summer there has been a lively feud between the big wet wash laundries and the small neighborhood hand laundries, competition between which is generally bitter. Mr. Murphy says the evidence at hand indicates that a gang of fire-bugs and burglars took advantage of the feud and the keen competition and volunteered to set fire to and rob establishments rival to those of laundry owners.

The police and fire marshals have been suspicious ever since the fatal Harlem fire that started in the laundry in the building. This laundry was burned down short time before the fire by one William O'Brien. Detectives have learned that O'Brien began to cut rates and made himself unpopular with other laundry owners in the vicinity.

The suspicions of the police were strengthened a week ago when State Senator Thomas Sheridan, of counsel to the Manhattan and Bronx Laundries' Association, submitted to the District Attorney sworn statements made by persons who said they had been employed to burn and rob laundries. Sheridan's statement told Mr. Patton that more than fifteen laundries have been burned and many others have been ruined in the last six months, causing damage running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Little Ten-Year-Old Girl Victim of Mysterious Locked Room Murder



THERESA MCCARTHY

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt Worse; Physicians Order All Callers And Messages Kept From Room

Declare Famous Actress Is "Wonderful Woman" but
Demand Absolute Quiet, Cutting off Doorbell
and Disconnecting Telephone.

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Associated Press).—Madame Sarah Bernhardt's condition took another turn for the worse today. Physicians ascribed it to the fatigue following her activity yesterday, when she arose from her bed, partook of solid food, and received many callers.

The actress's household is again depressed, although Mme. Bernhardt is just as confident as ever that she will recover. Two more doctors were called in this morning besides Prof. Ousselier and Marot, and after a long consultation they issued the following instructions to members of the household:

"The undersigned physicians insist upon the absolute necessity of letting no one enter the sick room."

(Signed) "Lalbe, Desnoes, Ousselier, Marot."

"These orders are clear," said Mme. Normand, governess of the household, after roundly scolding the butler for permitting persons to enter the house, "but Madam insists upon seeing whomsoever she pleases."

The elderly nurse who is attending the actress, said:

"Madame is a very headstrong patient."

The physicians have ordered that the doorbell be disconnected, and that the telephone receiver be left off the hook. All calls must originate within the house, as the constantly ringing bell might annoy the patient. The doctors do not conceal their admiration for Mme. Bernhardt's courage, declaring that she is "the most wonderful woman."

FAST CALIFORNIA TRAIN IN CRASH; SEVERAL HURT

Collided With Freight 14 Miles
From Tucson—Doctors Sent.

TUCSON, ARIZ., Dec. 27.—South Pacific train No. 19, eastbound from Los Angeles, and a freight collided at 11 miles from Tucson, early today.

A warning train and passenger train have been sent from Tucson. Reports said several passengers were injured.

POLICE VAINLY SEEK CLUE IN MYSTERIOUS MURDER OF GIRL, 10, IN LOCKED ROOM

GIVES HIS BUSINESS
TO HIS EMPLOYEES;
THEY WILL RUN IT

Henry A. Dix Turns Over Dress Goods Concern Doing a Trade of Over \$1,000,000 a Year.

"After three times planning to sell a business which does considerably more than \$1,000,000 each year, Henry A. Dix today 'sold' his concern to his employees, six of whom will have charge of it in the future. It is known as the H. A. Dix & Sons Co., manufacturers of dresses at No. 115 West 14th Street.

Mr. Dix has built up his business in thirty years. While he admits it is not the largest of its kind, he declared to-day it was one of the very few dress goods businesses which had never had a strike, and in which the employees worked only five days a week.

"I felt the employees should share in the business," he said to-day, "so I have turned it over to them. I have not given it to them, but I have arranged to give 115 employees Class A common stock as soon as they have completed three years in any of the four plants."

Also Made Knight of Holy Sepulchre of Greek Archdiocese.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A tiny splinter of wood, said to have been a part of the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified, was presented to President Harding to-day by Archbishop Pantelimon, of the Orthodox Greek Church at Nicosia, in Palestine. At the same time the President was made a Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre by the Archbishop, who appeared at the White House in the full dress of his office, carrying a long gold wand and other insignia of his rank.

The splinter was imbedded in soft wax and enclosed in a gold box set with diamonds. The Archbishop made the presentation as representative of the Patriarch of the Greek Church at Jerusalem, in recognition, the address said, of the interest taken by the President in the Church.

GALES HEADED FOR CITY
TO SEND MERCURY DOWN

Storm Coming Up Coast Brings Rain in Wake.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The spring weather now prevailing over the East will be by late to-day or to-morrow before a storm of marked intensity, which, according to the Weather Bureau, will sweep up the Atlantic Coast from the South during the next twenty-four hours.

"Dangerous gales" will accompany the storm along the Atlantic Coast and considerable precipitation is in store for the Valley and Eastern States. No unusually low temperatures are indicated, the Weather Bureau says, although a considerable drop is expected.

REPRIEVES FOR THREE NOW IN DEATHHOUSE

Gov. Miller Puts Off Execution for Review by Smith.

ALBANY, Dec. 27.—Three inmates of the death house at Sing Sing prison, Alvin J. Westling of the Bronx, and Joseph Zambelli and Sylvester Philo of Queens County, awaiting electrocution during the week of January 8, were granted reprieves until the week of February 12 by Governor Miller today.

In each instance the Governor said: "I have issued a reprieve in this case so that the Incoming Governor may have an opportunity to examine the records."

FORTY PASSENGERS HURT IN TROLLEY COLLISION

Two trolley cars collided in the fog near Milltown, N. J., this noon. Motherman Jacob Lottus, of the same place, was cut and bruised, and about forty passengers were slightly hurt or shaken up.

The cars were on the South Amboy line of the Public Service Railway Company.

Toy-Sized Bullet Leads to Be-
lief Child Was Slain in
Play.

POP-GUNS EXAMINED.

Once Followed by Man Who
Frightened Her, Rela-
tives Recall.

The body of pretty, sturdy, ten-year-old Theresa McCarthy, with a toy-sized bullet in her heart, lay in the undertaker's establishment of Philip Stenger, at Meeker Avenue and North Henry Street, Brooklyn, to-day. Her mother sat beside it weeping. Her playmates stood about the dead in mournful wonder.

The girl had been a leader among the children in the neighborhood at play, in her studies and in her church devotions. Playfully her elders spoke of her as the "Little Yamp" because of her success in wheedling from them anything she wanted for herself or others.

An autopsy was performed on the body by Medical Examiner Charles Norris and his assistant, Dr. Charles West, at noon. They found that a .22 caliber short lead bullet—target weapon size—had entered her left breast and passed through her heart lodging in the muscles of the back. There was not a scratch or a bruise or any other evidence that the child had been handled roughly.

The home at No. 662 Morgan Avenue, where Mrs. Pauline McCarthy, accompanied by her mother, Benjamin Prendergast, found the little girl lying in her nightgown among her Christmas toys, was locked to-day, except when detectives under the direction of Chief Inspector Lahey opened it to look around, vainly trying to imagine the motive which could have led any one to kill the child possibly.

There were no evidences of a struggle. Nothing, the mother said, had been disturbed since she left the house in the morning to go to her work at the American Rattan Works, except that a kitchen window had been raised eight inches and Theresa's poodle, Curly, had been shut in the bathroom.

The best guess the police could make was that Theresa, who had not been well, had admitted a playmate while she was dressing and that the playmate had obtained possession of a small revolver intended for target practice or exploding blank cartridges, and the shooting had been an accident. An effort was made to find whether there had been such a pistol or a fobert rifle among the Christmas gifts in any of the neighboring families.

So completely puzzled were the police that they had Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy and the twelve-year-old nephew of Mrs. McCarthy go to the Greenpoint Station this afternoon to talk over this phase of the case. Mrs. Nell, Mrs. McCarthy's sister (who like Mrs. McCarthy lives apart from her husband) lives with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Schmeider, at No. 238 Nassau Avenue.

Mrs. Schmeider said that it had been understood that Theresa was to spend the day with her. When the child did not appear at 11 o'clock, Mrs. Nell sent her son, Charlie, to bring Theresa to lunch unless he found she had gone to Mrs. Corbett's.

When Charlie came in at 12 o'clock he said he had forgotten all about going for his cousin. After lunch he was sent out to get her again. He returned at 5 o'clock saying he had not another boy who treated him to a moving picture show and it was too late for him to go for Theresa when the show was over.

None of the children of the parish school or of the neighborhood of Mrs. McCarthy's home owned a small revolver or a rifle or saw a weapon more dangerous than a pop-gun with a string-tied cork as a projectile.

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